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Before
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IN THE MATTER OF:

Serial No.: 10/796,145

Group Art Unit: 1754

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Examiner: JOHNSON, Edward M.

Applicant: HEKAL, Ihab M.

Title: OXYGEN ABSORBER

RESPONSE

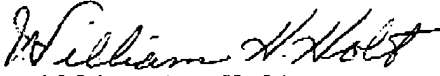
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office letter of February 25, 2008,
attached is an amended first page of Applicant's Appeal Brief in
which the section entitled "(3) Status of Claims" now contains a
statement that "Claims 1-14, 16 and 19 stand rejected as well as
appealed."

Respectfully submitted,

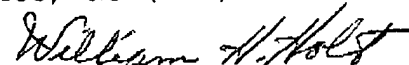
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APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

This is an appeal from the Examiner's FINAL rejection of claims 1-14, 16 and 19.

(1) Real Party in Interest

This application and the inventions disclosed therein are the property of the inventor/applicant, Dr. Ihab M. Hekal.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

There are no known appeals or interferences which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in this appeal.

(3) Status of Claims

Claims 1-14, 16 and 19 stand rejected as well as appealed. Claim 15 was cancelled and written in independent form as allowed claim 17. Claims 17 and 18 stand allowed. The appealed claims are presented in the accompanying Appendix.